



PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)		Docket Number (Optional) 99-617
In re Application of Cotton et al.		
Application Number 09/783,367		Filed 02-14-2001
For Apparatus And Method For Adjusting The Pre-Load Of A Spring		
Art Unit 2834	Examiner Addison, Karen	

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows  
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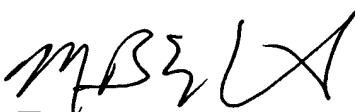
assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71  
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

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